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RESULTS

1. JULY 7 PRAVDA CARRIES SIGNED ARTICLE ON FORTHCOMING
ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN-U.S. MEETING IN LONDON BY PAVEL DEM-
CHENKO, CHIEF OF PRAVDA'S AFRO-ASIAN DEPT. ASSUME
DEPT. HAS TEXT. ARTICLE IS PREDICTABLY CRITICAL OF
THIS PARTICULAR RESULT OF VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP, QUOTES
VP'S STATEMENT THAT U.S. WILL NEVER USE ITS OBLIGATIONS
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TOWARD ISRAEL AS A FORM OF PRESSURE ON IT, AND
EXPRESSES SKEPTICISM THAT THIS RETURN TO "STEP BY STEP
DIPLOMACY" WILL RESULT IN MOVEMENT TOWARD PEACE.

2. DEMCHENKO STATES OPINION THAT NEW ELEMENT IN
LONDON MEETING WILL BE U.S. TRANSFORMATION FROM INTER-
MEDIARY IN NEGOTIATIONS TO ACTIVE PARTICIPANT. BEHIND

THIS FORMAL SHIFT OF ROLES, SAYS DEMCHENKO, IS HIDDEN
"CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL CALCULATION (RASCHET)."
DEMCHENKO CRITICIZES EGYPTIAN PLAN FOR NOT TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT ALL OF THE M.E. PROBLEMS INCLUDING A COMPLETE
SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION, AND NOTES
THAT, DESPITE THIS NEW EGYPTIAN RETREAT UNDER THE
PRESSURE OF ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE, PLAN WAS NEGA-
TIVELY EVALUATED IN TEL AVIV.

3. DEMCHENKO CLOSING ARTICLE WITH QUOTE FROM PLO
CHIEF ARAFAT TO EFFECT THAT AT PRESENT THERE IS NO
OTHER ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR CONDUCTING POLITICAL
NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL "EXCEPT SOVIET-AMERICAN
JOINT STATEMENT." A "COMPLETELY APPROPRIATE
REMINDER," APPROVINGLY CONCLUDES DEMCHENKO.

4. COMMENT: TO DATE SOVIETS HAVE GIVEN VP'S VISIT
CRITICAL BUT VERY LOW KEY COVERAGE. DEMCHENKO'S
ARTICLE IS FAR AND AWAY MOST SIGNIFICANT
SOVIET COMMENTARY ON VISIT AND ITS RESULTS WHICH
WE HAVE SEEN. WHAT WE FIND INTERESTING IS NOT THAT
IT IS CRITICAL - THAT IS TO BE EXPECTED - BUT THAT
IT IS NOT MORE CRITICAL. WE NOTE ALSO, WITHOUT
BEING ABLE TO EXPLAIN IT, THAT DEMCHENKO'S USE OF
ARAFAT'S FAVORABLE QUOTE ON THE JOINT U.S.-SOVIET
STATEMENT ON THE M.E. IS THE FIRST SUCH REFERENCE
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WE HAVE SEEN TO THE JOINT STATEMENT IN THE SOVIET
PRESS FOR SOME TIME. TOON

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